



## Medieval Ecclesiastical Seals, 14th Century



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Period : Before 16th century

Condition : En l'etat

Material : Bronze

Length : 5.0

Width : 3.0

### Description

SEAL OF FRANCIS, CONFESSOR OF GUIDO, MARQUIS OF VALIANA  
Inscription: S FRANCISCI 9FSORIS GVIDONIS MARCHIONIS OF VALIANA  
Period: 14th century  
Type: Ecclesiastical  
Description: This seal most likely corresponds to the seal matrix of François, a clergyman identified as the confessor of Guido del Monte, Marquis of Valiana. It dates to the 14th century, a period during which Guido del Monte held important military positions, notably that of captain of the city of Todi in 1338. François's presence in the marquis's entourage suggests a role as spiritual advisor and trusted cleric, tasked with supporting and legitimizing the actions of the feudal lord from a religious perspective. The inscription on the seal confirms this close relationship between the

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confessor and his patron, explicitly linking François's name to that of Guido and his title of marquis. Guido del Monte is believed to have died around 1355, which places the use of this seal in the first half or the middle of the 14th century. This type of seal, intended for ecclesiastical use, attests to the importance of religious figures within medieval feudal power structures, as well as their role in validating and authenticating documents.